

Saturday 17 December – Xmas Jollities

Although our numbers were less than usual, those attending had an enjoyable afternoon playing a selection of seasonal music under the direction of Joyce and Mary, and tucking into xmas refreshments prepared by Mary and Vivien. Our knowledge of Christmas carols was also tested by Joyce, with a reward of chocolate coins for guessing the carol from the snippet played. We began with a 3 part arrangement of Ah Gentle Robin, followed by 2 pastoral pieces “O Leave your sheep & Shepherds’ Farewell”. We then played Joyces’ arrangement of a Wolfgang Figulus piece “Helft Mir Gottes Gute Preisen”. Two very well known pieces “Jingle Bells” and “Away In a Manger” were interspersed with a series of Bach Chorales that tested our sight reading ability of keys with 4 sharps & 3 flats!! The Shepherds Rose up and Followed before we rounded off the session with “ We Wish You A Merry Christmas” .